

What is claimed is:

1. An articulating speaker assembly for the interior of a vehicle that includes sidewall trim defining a pocket in said trim, said articulating speaker assembly comprising:

a housing; and

at least one speaker operatively supported within said housing;

said assembly including at least one pivot arm having first and second ends, said first end being operatively connected to said housing and defining a rotational axis and said second end being attached to the vehicle and defining a pivotal axis, said at least one pivot arm being adapted to pivot about said pivotal axis to selectively move and position said housing at each point along a path between a retracted position wherein said housing is operatively supported within the pocket and aligned substantially flush with the sidewall trim such that the sidewall trim and said housing are substantially co-planar, and an extended position outside the pocket, said housing being adapted to rotate about said rotational axis such that said at least one speaker can be moved to a plurality of positions to selectively direct sound therefrom.

2. An articulating speaker assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said second end defines a pivotal point of said pivotal axis that is attached to the vehicle.

3. An articulating speaker assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said housing includes at least one rotational member defining said rotational axis of said housing and rotatably connecting said housing to said first end of said at least one pivot arm.

4. An articulating speaker assembly as set forth in claim 3, wherein said at least one pivot arm includes a pair of pivot arms operatively connected to said housing in opposed relation to each other.

5. An articulating speaker assembly as set forth in claim 4, wherein said housing includes at least a pair of rotating members rotatably connected to a corresponding one of said pair of pivot arms, said pair of rotating members extending outwardly from said housing in opposite directions from each other.

6. An articulating speaker assembly as set forth in claim 5, wherein each of said pair of pivot arms defines an aperture through which the respective said rotating member is matingly received.

7. An articulating speaker assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said at least one pivot arm is substantially curved such that said path along which said housing is selectively movable between said retracted position and said extended position is curved.

8. An articulating speaker assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said pivot arm is adapted to pivot about said pivotal axis substantially 90°.

9. An articulating speaker assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said housing is adapted to rotate about said rotational axis substantially 360°.

10. An articulating speaker assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said speaker assembly further includes an actuator adapted to be actuated to selectively move said housing along said path between said retracted position and said extended position.